

The Executive to the Director

11 December 1946

Chief, Legislative Liaison Branch

Executive Order 9808 establishing the President's Committee  
on Civil Rights

1. Attention is called to Executive Order 9808 dated 5 December 1946, subject, "Establishing the President's Committee on Civil Rights", copy attached herewith.
2. The Order points out, among other things, that "it is essential that all possible steps be taken to safeguard our civil rights", and a Civil Rights Committee is established.
3. The Committee is authorized to ascertain whether current law enforcement measures and Federal, State, and local governmental measures "may be strengthened and improved to safeguard the civil rights of the people".
4. All departments and agencies are directed to cooperate with the Committee and furnish it information as required. Any person employed in a Federal agency may be called upon to testify.
5. The primary intent in setting up this Committee is apparently aimed at such things as lynchings and similar lawlessness. However, your attention is called to this Committee, which may well take a position against revision and strengthening of the Espionage Laws as contrary to the safeguarding of the people's rights.

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